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In response to the office Action dated July 21, 1999, please amend this Application as follow;

In the claims

Add the following new claims 36 and 37:

36: A method according to Claim 30 wherein the agent further comprises (a) an aqueous solution of human protein, (b) an aqueous suspension of liposomes, (c) an aqueous suspension of microspheres or (d) a suspension of crystals in a saccharide diluent.

37. In a method comprising ultrasound imaging, the improvement comprising enhancing the contrast in an ultrasound image by selecting for use as an enhancing agent microbubbles of a gas including perfluoropropane, perfluorobutane and perfluoropentane and further comprising (a) an aqueous

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